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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant NAGASE & CO., LTD.			

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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis 1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>7, 8, 11, 15-20</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-6, 9, 10, 12-14</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP. 9-266183, A (Texas Instruments Japan Ltd.), 7 October, 1997 (07.10.97)
 Document 2: JP. 2002-265888, A (Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.), 18 September, 2002 (18.09.02)
 Document 3: JP. 2002-353252, A (Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.), 6 Dumber, 2002 (06.1202)
 Document 4: JP. 9-263734, A (Texas Instruments Japan Ltd.), 7 October, 1997 (07.10.97)

The subject matter of claim 1 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR. With regard to the adhesive described in document 1, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived the idea of adjusting the range of viscosity of the adhesive at the time of pasting by taking into consideration the prevention of airspace and excess runoff of adhesive suggested in [0028] of document 2.

The subject matters of claims of claims 2 and 3 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 3 and 4 cited in the international search. A person skilled in the art could have easily conceived the idea of (1) regarding the adhesive provided on the back side of a wafer described in document 3 as referring to the description of document 1 or that of document 4 and (2) adjusting the range of viscosity of the adhesive at the time of pasting by taking into consideration the prevention of airspace and excess runoff of adhesive suggested in [0028] of document 2.

The subject matter of claim 4 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1-4. Setting the time for peeling off the carrier film 2 described in document 3 from the adhesive just before sticking a wafer to a dicing film is a mere matter of design variation. Therefore, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of this idea.

The subject matter of claim 5 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 2 and 4. With regard to the adhesive described in document 1, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived the idea of adjusting the range of viscosity of adhesive at the time of pasting by taking into consideration the prevention of airspace and excess runoff of adhesive suggested in [0028] of document 2.

The subject matters of claims 6, 9 and 10 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-4. In each case, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived the idea of adjusting the range of viscosity of adhesive at the time of pasting by taking into consideration the prevention of airspace and excess runoff of adhesive implied in [0028] of document 2.

The subject matter of claim 12 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-4. Document 1 or 4 describes that the adhesion process is completed by using a semi-hardened thermosetting polyimede resin for temporary bonding a wafer to a dicing film, then heat

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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hardening the said resin to turn the bonded layer into a polyimide. A person skilled in the art could have easily conceived the idea of carrying out this heat hardening process after the mounting process.

The subject matter of claim 13 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-4. Although document 1 or 4 describes that a wafer is temporarily bonded to a dicing film by using a thermosetting type of adhesive as a semi-hardened material, it can be judged that essentially the bonding is in the form of a film.

The subject matter of claim 14 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-4. [0038] of document 1 or [0022] of document 4 wherein a dicing saw is explained with examples.

Since none of the documents cited in the ISR describe the subject matters of claims 7 and 8, 11, 15-20, particularly the point that a thermosetting type adhesive does not react to thermosetting at the time of pasting, the said subject matters are non-obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

The phrase "fabricating IC chips with adhesion from a wafer" described on page 1 [0001] should be "fabricating IC chips with adhesive from a wafer."

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

It is prescribed in claims 1-20 that at the pasting temperature the thermosetting adhesive have a viscosity of 20,000 Pa·s or below, but in terms of the pros and cons of the prior art described in, for example, [0028] of patent publication No. 2002-265888, generally speaking, the pressure and time of pasting are regarded as factors that should not be ignored when trying to realize the adhesion between IC chip and adhesive without creating airspace. However, claims 1-20 relate to inventions that do not take into consideration these factors, so that the descriptions in claims 1-20 are not enough to prove their sufficiency for acquiring the desired effect of "preventing the appearance of a void." Consequently, claims 1-20 are not sufficiently backed up by the description.